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one can be devised which will make it possible for a certain number of people, by alphabetical notification or something of the kind, to appear on a certain day with their money.

GREEN SMITH'S CONFESSION.

Retiring from office, Green Smith has made a report of his last two years as Attorney-general. He takes all the credit for the success in the railroad cases, which is not quite fair to the three able lawyers to whom the State Tax Commission has paid about \$25,000. Because he did not pocket \$340,000 fees in the tax cases, Alonzo Green Smith intimates that he is entitled to the last gratitude of the people of Indiana. As one of the occupants of the pedestals about Monument Place has not been announced, so far as the public is concerned, why not have the statue of the great emitter of opinions put upon it as Indiana's greatest benefactor?

That part of the report which will attract the most attention is the amount of money devoted to grafting. The trustees and other school officers are selfish and dishonest, the ex-Attorney-general strongly intimates, and have held back a large amount of school money. More than two-thirds of these officers are Democrats, but as they have denounced the ex-Attorney-general in bitter resolutions, he may be pardoned for saying "you're another."

During the two years which ended Oct. 31, 1893, the ex-Attorney-general collected and turned into the treasury \$476,293.51. The law provides that the Attorney-general shall pay over to the Treasurer the net amount of his collections, which means his collections less his commission of 12 per cent. That is, the \$476,293.51 is 88 per cent. of the total amount collected, and the whole amount is \$541,242.62. Of this amount it appears that Green Smith took \$84,945.11. Add to this his yearly salary, \$35,000, and the amount of the State's money which Green Smith gobbled up in two years was \$69,945.11. This is Green Smith's own confession. It is more monstrous than the Journal has dared to charge. Think of it—\$69,945.55 a year of the money of the taxpayers for the services of a third-rate lawyer!

But this parting confession does not explain the figures which have been given in the Treasurer's statements and the reports of the Auditor. What mean the \$100,000 and \$15,445.00 of fees paid the Attorney-general in the reports of the Auditor for 1892 and 1893, and the \$13,679.73 in the statement of the Treasurer for the last fiscal year? Are these last two sums, \$15,111.87 and \$13,679.73, included in the \$69,945.11, or are these amounts to be added for the fiscal years 1893 and 1894, making a much more monstrous total than that which Green Smith confessed? There are those who can tell—will they? If they do not, let the Legislature investigate.

One by one the Democrats reluctantly and mournfully leave the Statehouse and the county courthouses in Indiana.

Up to date this administration's Japanese-Chinese policy is no more of a brilliant success than its Hawaiian policy was.

Cannot the expenditures of the charitable and penal institutions of the State be reduced \$200,000 if they are run strictly upon business principles?

Now that Green Smith has made confession, no one would dare assert that if he were to hold the office another two years there would be a \$5 bill in the treasury.

So long as there is a pie in the Cleveland pantry Daniel Wolsey Voorhees will have not a word to say of an unpleasant nature about the President's financial policy.

Both parties in Indiana will be glad to know that he is now ex-Attorney-General Smith; still the Republican Legislature can summon him before its Lexow committee.

Veterans will be pleased to know that one of the members of the present House who was defeated in the late election is Enloe, of Tennessee—the man who never lost an opportunity to defame Union soldiers.

The fact that two or three Senators who have been connected with the new silver party in gossip have promptly come to the front with positive denials of sympathy with anything of the sort, proves that, under existing conditions, they are anxious to be Republicans.

It does not matter much if Sovereign has been re-elected to receive the salary of the remnant of the Knights of Labor. An organization which a few years ago numbered 700,000, having dwindled to 52,000 and 18,000 during the past five months is practically a matter of history.

The Legislature will no more consider the question of removing the State University from Bloomington to this city than it would of having the State take up the fad of the track elevators for the whole of Indiana. The Legislature is not in that sort of business, and will relegate that and other fads to the rear.

Harper's Weekly and other Democratic papers, with the air of disposing of William L. Wilson's successor as a nobody, say sneeringly that he is scarcely known outside of his own district. They are entirely wrong. Mr. Dayton may not have had a wide reputation a few weeks ago, but he is known now from Maine to California.

If the Alabama politicians who have pulled down the pillars which upheld a really popular government in that State when free suffrage and an honest count were cast aside would say less about the "grace of God" and resolve to return the power of election to the people which has been taken from them by the ballot-counters, Alabama may escape the humiliation of South Carolina.

It is doubtless true, as the Kolbitzes say in Alabama, that they carried the white counties and prevented the colored voters in the black belt from registering so that a Democratic majority could not be counted on a colored registration; still, the Democratic magnates who make election returns counted enough thousands of bogus votes to have a majority, and that settles it.

Out in Missouri Democrats like Congressman Tansy are turning upon the Populists and accusing them of all the ills which have befallen the Democracy in that State. They have made the people believe that everything was going to the bad, and that no way Democrats have joined the Populists. That may be so in part, but the men who started the calamity cry were the Democrats in the West, who began with the bugaboo of farm-mortgaging in order to live. The trouble is that Democratic demagogues in that State and elsewhere have played with the Populists so long that that party is now made up largely of the Democracy.

Some means should be devised to make the payment of sewer, street improvement, sprinkling and street-sweeping taxes less troublesome to the taxpayers than it now is. Such a bungling and exasperating lack of system as now prevails is no credit to the authorities. It is hard enough to pay high taxes and to leave business and go a distance to do it, but to be kept waiting and be compelled to go time after time before the taxpayer can get a turn at the treasurer's table seems like adding insult to injury. The Journal will not pretend to make a suggestion in regard to a better method, but it insists that

Representatives, the latter never to exceed one hundred and the former never to exceed fifty, and both to be apportioned among the counties, or districts strictly according to the number of voters. The present Constitution contains the further provision that "a senatorial or representative district, where more than one county shall constitute a district, shall be composed of contiguous counties; and no county, for senatorial apportionment, shall ever be divided." This provision was evidently intended to fortify the other one, that Senators and Representatives should be apportioned according to the number of voters. A fair construction of the two provisions would prevent a gerrymander, and yet the framers of the Constitution might have made it stronger in this regard. It is clear enough now by any fair construction, but experience has shown it is not strong enough to restrain attempts to gain partisan advantage by violating it.

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News. No one unfamiliar with the extent of the work that can be done by labor, responsibility and careful legal and business management and care to make it yield the dividends that have been and will be paid; and the allowance of what seems a large sum to the receiver and the attorneys in the case should not be condemned without some knowledge of the service rendered. This knowledge the News cannot have, while the Judge, familiar with all the facts, did have it; and he performed his duty as he saw fit in compensating the men who have done the trust according to the work done by them. The expenses have been large because the trust is correspondingly large. That is all there is to the matter, and if the News were not malicious it would see it in that light.

The friends of Merrill Moores may well congratulate him on his appointment to be Assistant Attorney-general. He is not only a serious Republican who has done good service, but he is admirably qualified for the place to which he has been called.

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